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### **Two from Milwaukee Area Convicted for Tax Fraud**

In separate cases today, two people from the Milwaukee area were convicted of tax fraud. Shana Marie Cooper, 30, was sentenced to five years in prison and five years of extended supervision following her prison term for using the identities of at least 40 individuals on false tax returns and Kenneth C. Kranich, 37, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for filing fraudulent Wisconsin income tax returns for the years 2004 through 2007.

In the case of Ms. Cooper, she filed sixty-six fraudulent income tax returns between 2006 and 2007, defrauding the Internal Revenue Service and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue of over \$170,000.

In the case of Mr. Kranich, he altered information in the wage and tax statements (W-2 forms) that he and his wife received from their employers. By altering the W-2 information, Kranich omitted \$74,236 that should have been reported on the tax returns he filed for these years, according to the criminal complaint.

Kranich further falsified the returns by also overstating the amounts of income taxes withheld from their wages, claiming \$12,289 more than what was actually withheld in state and federal taxes.

Kranich was ordered to pay back \$6,540 to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in taxes evaded.

Both cases were prosecuted by the Public Integrity Unit of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office after an investigation by the Fraud Unit of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

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